

in Vermont. In the past 2 years, hurricanes Irene and Sandy devastated the Northeast, while huge swaths from Texas to the Midwest have been gripped in a historic drought, and tornadoes have raked the heartland.

We can no longer willfully ignore these impacts or continue to deny the facts: The science is clear and definitive that human-induced climate change is happening and it is happening rapidly. We are obligated to reduce carbon emissions, and efforts to do so have the support of the American people.

Not only is the science clear, but the human and economic costs of climate change are hitting home. The severe weather events of just the past 2 years have caused damages in the United States in excess of \$188 billion and left more than 1100 people dead. If we do not act now then the toll is sure to mount, with ever more destructive and deadly weather pounding our coasts, parching our Nation's agricultural center, and rising sea levels threatening our coastal communities. If we do not act now, the devastating impacts of climate change will only get worse.

But climate change is not just about weather disasters. For instance, we also have seen asthma rates double in the past 30 years, and our children and grandchildren will only suffer more asthma attacks as air pollution worsens. We already reduced smog and acid rain and have set limits for mercury, lead, and arsenic. It is time to set a limit on carbon pollution that causes climate change and assaults the public health.

The President's proposal will allow the United States to take further important steps toward the environmental quality and good jobs that will come with a cleaner and safer energy future. We can act now so that future generations—our children and grandchildren—will know that we took the steps that helped make their world safer and cleaner.

VOTE EXPLANATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I wish to note that on the evening of Monday, June 24, 2013 I missed Senate rollcall vote No. 160 on the motion to invoke cloture on the Leahy substitute amendment No. 1183 due to travel delays. I would like to make clear in the RECORD that if I were in attendance I would have voted in opposition of the motion to invoke cloture on this measure.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 160 on the motion to invoke cloture on Leahy amendment No. 1183. Had I been present I would have voted nay.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMEBERING W.A. "BILL" KRAUSE

• Mr. President, today I wish to remember an Iowa farm boy whose legendary work ethic simply worked wonders. As we bid farewell this week to one of Iowa's most successful entrepreneurs and cofounders of one of Iowa's most iconic businesses, Bill Krause's can-do spirit will inspire generations of Iowans. That is because the footprint this gentle giant leaves behind is one of a man who pioneered a wildly successful chain of convenience stores. Kum & Go is one of the Nation's largest family-owned chains in America with more than 420 stores doing business in 11 States.

A self-starter from an early age, Bill's tireless work ethic and visionary leadership skills reflect the very best of America's entrepreneurial spirit. Throughout his career, Bill was rewarded with the prizes and pitfalls of risk taking at its very best and at its very worst. Named Iowa Entrepreneur of the Year in 1992, Bill's varied business pursuits stretched beyond his signature success and prosperity in the convenience store industry, including fashion retailing, trucking, gaming, farming, banking, as well as interests in Iowa-based soccer and baseball teams. An honest-to-goodness rags to riches story, Bill always kept his eyes focused on the opportunity that lie ahead at the next bend, without losing sight of what mattered most in life: his family, faith, and friendships, including those of thousands of employees and the countless customers he loved to meet and greet in his stores.

After graduating from Eldora High School, Bill worked his way through college and graduated from his beloved alma mater, The University of Iowa, in 1957 with a degree in journalism. A lifelong Iowa Hawkeye fan, Bill is one of those uncommonly humble men of considerable means who never forgot from where he came.

That sense of loyalty later translated into valuable financial contributions, including a signature gift that launched a historic renovation to Kinnick Stadium. He earned a number of distinguished awards and accolades from The University of Iowa and for more than five decades supported the Hawkeye's celebrated athletics programs as a tireless fan and patron. He also served as adviser to deans of the Tippie College of Business, sharing his Main Street expertise with those tasked with teaching the next generation of business leaders. Putting his money where his mouth is, Bill founded a fund to jump-start the next generation of business leaders. Since 1998, the Krause Fund has provided more than 1,200 Iowa undergraduate students with the opportunity to learn about managing an endowed equity portfolio.

Bill Krause knew how to run a business, how to create jobs and how to

keep customers satisfied. The narrative of his success was shaped by his humble beginnings, earning \$10 a day at age 15. Years later with his father-in-law, Tony Gentle, he pioneered the convenience store concept of buying milk, bread and eggs at the local gas station when customers pulled up to fill their tanks. By all accounts, Bill's American success story bloomed as a result of his integrity, decency, passion and generosity.

His homegrown roots stretched deep, defining his contributions of time, talent and treasure to his church and community. He was awarded the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award by the National Catholic Education Association in 2007 and the Civitas Award from Dowling Catholic Schools in 2012. Through scholarship, service and sacrifice, Bill and Nancy Krause taught their 3 children and 12 grandchildren the real measure of success.

In fact, a few years ago a room at the Kum & Go headquarters in West Des Moines was known as the "one-liner" room because of the messages lining the walls. When asked, Bill said the legacy he hoped to leave behind mirrors one of the lines on the wall: "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice." Perhaps that is one of the reasons why he gave blazers to high school kids for their first job interviews. Or why he was a leading fund-raiser for minority and low-income students at Holy Family School in Des Moines.

Mr. President, may I suggest to the U.S. Senate that Bill Krause has more than secured this legacy throughout his professional and personal life. Barbara and I share our deepest condolences to Bill's family, especially to his wife Nancy, and to all those who are mourning the loss of this larger-than-life Iowan.●

CONGRATULATING PHILLIPE RIBIERO

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to congratulate Pontiac High School chemistry and biology teacher Phillippe Ribiero for winning the qualifying round and advancing to the final round of the Make My Lab WoRx contest. This is a wonderful achievement that reflects his talent as an educator and the fine work that is happening across Michigan to ensure that the best and brightest are teaching our young people.

The 2013 Make My LabWoRx contest is part of a program developed by Astellas Pharma. It seeks to increase the understanding of the role science plays in human health and medicine. The contest is comprised of seven qualifying rounds that take place across the country, including Michigan. To participate in the contest, science teachers must submit a lesson plan or experiment, along with a video demonstration. Involvement in this program allows teachers to showcase their passion for teaching science in a